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1. THIS IS A JOINT USMISSION USNATO-USDELMC MSG.
POTENTIAL LTDP IMPACT ON THE 1980-84 INFRASTRUCTURE
PROGRAM IS BEING ASSESSED BY SHAPE'S PLANS AND POLICY
DIVISION. WE EXPECT SHAPE REPORT TO MILITARY COMMITTEE
ON REQUIREMENTS BY MID-SEPTEMBER. THE REPORT WILL ALSO
BE PROVIDED FOR USE BY THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE AND
THE NATO/IS.

2. SHAPE EFFORTS ON ISSUANCE OF WORKING PAPER ON SLICE
XXXI, DEFINITION OF 5-YEAR REQUIREMENTS, AND STUDY OF
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LTDP HAVE BEEN RUNNING CONCURRENTLY WITHIN RELATIVELY
SMALL STAFF OF EXPERTS. RECENT FOCUS ON RECASTING OF
SLICE XXXI BASE DETRACTED FROM LTDP STUDY, BUT WE EXPECT
ADDITIONAL STAFF EFFORT IN ORDER TO ADHERE TO THE MID-
SEPTEMBER DEADLINE. FIRST INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING
AFTER NATO'S SUMMER BREAK, ON 12 SEPTEMBER, WILL BE TOO
EARLY FOR A COMPREHENSIVE COORDINATED SHAPE BRIEFING ON

LTDP REQUIREMENTS. WE HAVE ARRANGED FOR THE CONTROLLER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE TO INVITE SHAPE TO GIVE SUCH A BRIEFING ON 19 SEPTEMBER, AND WE WOULD EXPECT A MORE COMPLETE PRESENTATION TO BE MADE DURING SHAPE'S INFRASTRUCTURE CONFERENCE IN OCTOBER.

3. ABOVE SCHEDULE WILL FIT LTDP INTO INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE'S NEGOTIATIONS OF 1980-84 COST CEILING AND PERMIT US TO GAUGE NATIONAL POSITIONS IN TIME FOR POSSIBLE SECDEF INTERVENTION WITH RECALCITRANT MOD'S IN LATE OCTOBER IF REQUIRED. BENNETT

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